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H. CON. RES. 21

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 14, 1953

Mr. KERSTEN of Wisconsin submitted the following concurrent resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on Rules

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas the Communist conspiracy is global and centrally directed in its strategy and total in its avowed assault upon every form of human civilization, and functions without ethics or morals in its attempt to impose upon mankind a new form of world dictatorship wherein every man's life would be continuously in danger and wherein millions of human beings would be liquidated by premeditated design; and

Whereas the Communist conspiracy not only has implemented itself by police state terror and military force within the periphery of its present conquests but, by unprecedented and unorthodox methods, it has infiltrated deep into the still free world, using any deceit or stratagem to further its ideological, psychological, or subversive attack upon every strata of free world society including education, art, the press, labor, industry, agriculture, and government; and

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Whereas the Communist conspiracy has already engulfed the peoples of the Soviet Union, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania, Albania, Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania, Eastern Germany, Eastern Austria, China, and North Korea, and, if allowed to consolidate its present gains it will necessitate not only more crushing taxation and regimentation of manpower and resources of the free world but, from such a consolidated position, it will accelerate the ever-increasing threat of universal war; and

Whereas the greatest potential anti-Communist force in the world exists among the several hundreds of millions of peoples who experience first hand the inhuman cruelties of the Communist police state evidenced by, among other things, spontaneous but largely abortive uprisings against the Communist government; and

Whereas under the concept of the brotherhood of man under the Fatherhood of God and also from motives of humanity and decency it is the duty of the peoples of the free world to help keep alive the hope for freedom and democracy among the enslaved peoples and, avoiding premature and abortive uprisings, to assist them to coordinate their resistance to tyranny and ultimately to gain their freedom so that they may fashion governments of their own choice; and

Whereas military preparedness alone or together with isolated or piecemeal attempts to counter Communist thrusts are not adequate to cope with the total Communist global strategy and its unorthodox methods; and

Whereas the intelligence of the American people and the peoples of the other free nations, together with the spirit of resistance and the resourcefulness of the peoples already enslaved

by communism and the spiritual ideals of all such peoples if aroused and coordinated are adequate to cope with and eliminate the Communist conspiracy as a threat to mankind: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That there is hereby established a joint congressional committee, to be known as the Joint Committee on
3 Extraordinary Methods of Protecting the National Security
4 (hereinafter referred to as the "committee"), which shall be
5 composed of nine Members of the Senate to be appointed by
6 the President of the Senate and nine Members of the House
7 of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the
8 House. Vacancies in the membership of the committee shall
9 not affect the power of the remaining members of the committee to perform the functions of the committee and any
10 vacancy shall be filled in the same manner of the original
11 appointment. The President of the Senate shall serve as
12 chairman of the committee. The vice chairman shall be
13 selected from the Members of the committee.

14 SEC. 2. (a) It shall be the duty of the committee to
15 make a continuing study of methods and means of preserving the national security and the national defense, with
16 particular reference to extraordinary methods of protecting
17 the United States against communism and the Communist
18 conspiracy, including—
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1 (1) the use of psychological methods and propa-
2 ganda to expose and combat world Communist tyranny
3 and to rekindle devotion to the universal principles of
4 freedom, independence and human dignity which are
5 set forth in the American Declaration of Independence;

6 (2) employment of affirmative measures and extra-
7 ordinary methods aimed at weakening and destroying
8 communism;

9 (3) appropriate utilization of escapees and per-
10 sons liberated from Communist dominated countries
11 desirous of combating communism;

12 (4) cooperation with and encouragement of private
13 individuals and private organizations desirous of com-
14 bating communism, including nationality organizations
15 and groups whose members have an origin or particular
16 interest in Communist dominated countries; and

17 (5) encouragement of effective resistance activi-
18 ties in and defection from Communist dominated
19 countries.

20 (b) The committee shall submit at the close of each
21 calendar year to the Senate and House of Representatives
22 a report of the studies, together with such recommendations
23 as it deems advisable, and may submit to the Senate and
24 House, from time to time, such other reports and recom-
25 mendations as it deems appropriate. Any such report shall

1 be filed with the Secretary of the Senate if the Senate is not
2 in session, and with the Clerk of the House if the House is
3 not in session.

4 (c) For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of
5 this concurrent resolution the committee, or any subcom-
6 mittee thereof, is authorized to hold such hearings, to sit and
7 act at such times and places, to require by subpoena or other-
8 wise the attendance of such witnesses and the production of
9 such books, papers, and documents, and to take such testi-
10 mony, as it deems advisable. Subpenas shall be issued over
11 the signature of the chairman or vice chairman of the com-
12 mittee and may be served by any person designated by such
13 chairman or vice chairman.

14 SEC. 3. (a) The members of the committee shall be
15 reimbursed for travel, subsistence, and other necessary ex-
16 penses incurred by them in the performance of the functions
17 vested in the committee, other than expenses in connection
18 with meetings of the committee held in the District of
19 Columbia during such times as the Congress is in session.

20 (b) The committee shall have the power to appoint and
21 fix the compensation of such experts, consultants, and clerical,
22 stenographic, or other assistants as it deems advisable.

23 (c) The expenses of the committee shall be paid one-
24 half from the contingent fund of the Senate and one-half
25 from the contingent fund of the House of Representatives, on

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1 vouchers signed by the chairman or the vice chairman of
2 the committee. Disbursements to pay such expenses shall
3 be made by the Clerk of the House of Representatives from
4 the contingent fund of the House, such contingent fund to
5 be reimbursed from the contingent fund of the Senate in the
6 amount of one-half of the disbursements so made.

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To create the Joint Committee on Extraordinary Methods of Protecting the National Security.

By Mr. KERSTEN of Wisconsin

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H. RES. 95

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 16, 1953

Mrs. ROGERS of Massachusetts submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

1 *Resolved*, That there is hereby created a select com-
2 mittee to be composed of seven Members of the House of
3 Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker, one of
4 whom he shall designate as chairman. Any vacancy occur-
5 ring in the membership of the committee shall be filled in
6 the same manner in which the original appointment was
7 made.

8 The committee is authorized and directed to conduct a
9 full and complete investigation and study for the purpose
10 of ascertaining the means by which the national interest
11 may best be protected and served in time of peace by the
12 conduct of international information services and in time

1 of war or threat of war by a civilian psychological warfare
2 agency.

3 The committee shall report to the House (or to the
4 Clerk of the House if the House is not in session) as soon
5 as practicable during the present Congress the results of
6 its investigation and study, together with such recommenda-
7 tions as it deems advisable.

8 For the purpose of carrying out this resolution the
9 committee, or any subcommittee thereof, is authorized by
10 the committee to hold hearings, is authorized to sit and act
11 during the present Congress at such times and places within
12 the United States, whether the House is in session, has
13 recessed, or has adjourned, to hold such hearings, and to
14 require, by subpoena or otherwise, the attendance and testi-
15 mony of such witnesses and the production of such books,
16 records, correspondence, memoranda, papers, and documents,
17 as it deems necessary. Subpenas may be issued under the
18 signature of the chairman of the committee or any member
19 of the committee designated by him, and may be served by
20 any person designated by such chairman or member.

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RESOLUTION

Creating a select committee to conduct an investigation and study to determine means by which the national interest may best be served in time of peace by the conduct of international information services and in time of war by a civilian psychological warfare agency.

By Mrs. Rogers of Massachusetts

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